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SUBJECT: ECONADS: AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING

REFS : A) USNATO 08298; B) PAPENDORP PHONECON

1. PARAGRAPHS BELOW PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR SELECTED AGENDA
ITEMS FROM REFTEL A.

2. ITEM II A UNABLE TO OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCES FOR USE
OF WARSAW 8001. WILL TRY TO DO SO IN TIME FOR NEXT WEEKS
MEETING.

3. ITEM III DOCUMENT ED/EC/78/58. US FEELS THAT THE
DOCUMENT IS SOUND, HOWEVER WE DO OFFER THE FOLLOWING
CRITICISMS AND QUESTIONS:

-- PAGE 3, PARA 3. DISCUSSION OF VIETNAM'S
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ADMISSION TO CEMA IMPLIES THAT CEMA AID TO THAT COUNTRY IS
SOMEWHAT CONTINGENT ON VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP IN CEMA. THIS
ATTRIBUTES TOO MUCH POWER AND IMPORTANCE TO CEMA AS AN
ORGANIZATION. IN FACT, VIETNAM'S ADMISSION TO
CEMA WOULD SEEM TO BE PRIMARILY A REFLECTION OF A SOVIET
DECISION TO PROVIDE AID TO VIETNAM AND TO PRESSURE EASTERN
EUROPE TO DO LIKEWISE.

-- PAGE 3, PARA 3. AS REGARDS THE LAST SENTENCE OF THAT PARAGRAPH, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT ONLY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LDCS BY EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IS TRENDING DOWNWARD.

-- PAGE 5, PARA 9. STATEMENTS ON INTEGRATION ARE CONFUSING. PARAGRAPH 9 IMPLIES THAT "TRUE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION" IS SYNONYMOUS WITH THE MORE OR LESS FREE TRADE THAT FREE-MARKET ECONOMIES CONDUCT WITH EACH OTHER AND THAT SUPRA-NATIONAL PLANNING IS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE SAME RESULTS--WHATEVER THESE RESULTS MAY BE--ACCOMPLISHED BY FREE TRADE.

IN FACT, CEMA INTEGRATION AS ENVISIONED BY THE SOVIETS WOULD SEEM TO BE MUCH MORE AIMED AT SHAPING PATTERNS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAN AT TRYING TO APPROXIMATE THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES THAT MIGHT PREVAIL IF MARKET FORCES WERE GIVEN FREE PLAY.

-- PAGE 5, FOOTNOTE 1. THE COST TO EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DOES NOT EVEN SEEM PARTICULARLY HIGH, IN THE SENSE THAT THE SHARE OF TOTAL EASTERN EUROPEAN INVESTMENT IN CEMA PROJECTS IS VERY LOW--PERHAPS 3 .

-- PAGE 6, PARA 12. THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THIS PAPER
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SEEMS MUCH TOO BLAND AND TIMID. IN THE LIGHT OF EVERYTHING THE PAPER HAS SAID BEFORE, AND IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT IS GENERALLY KNOWN, ONE COULD SAFELY SAY: "CLEARLY, INTEGRATION IN CEMA IN THE FORM OF COMPREHENSIVE SUPRA-NATIONAL PLANNING IS UNATTAINABLE. THE KEY ELEMENT IN INTEGRATION IS LIKELY TO REMAIN EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN MAJOR INVESTMENT PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN AT SOVIET INITIATIVE AND LOCATED FOR THE MOST PART ON SOVIET SOIL."

4. ITEM IV. HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 5 TEXT OF ADDENDUM 2. RECEIVED NATO 08313 AND 08271 TODAY WILL COORDINATE COMMENTS.

5. ITEM V. OER PAPER NOT YET PUBLISHED DUE OUT AROUND OCTOBER 1. HAVE REQUESTED ER-78-10494 ARMS FLOWS TO LDCS: US-SOVIET COMPARISONS 1974-77 AND HOPE TO POUCH IT THE END OF THIS WEEK. CHRISTOPHER

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